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Dear Ms. Duarte:

We have reviewed the proposed Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Case No. 1988-018, "Trademarks for Government Products." We have no comments except to point out a spelling error in proposed Section 27.x03 (b), which states "This notification process will allow the Government to consider both the Government's interests and a contractor's commercial interests in determining which party will register or **asset** rights in the mark." (emphasis added) We believe that the word "asset" should be "assert." The Background section of the FAR case as well as the Federal Trademark Act of 1946 (15 USC 1051 through 15 USC 1127) consistently uses the term "assert rights" in this context.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lois Wozniak (lwozniak@dodig.osd.mil) at (703) 604-9658.

Sincerely,

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